

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

The sub-title on page 1, line 8, is amended as follows: Related Applications ~~Inventions~~

The paragraph beginning on page 1, line 9, is amended as follows:

The present application ~~invention~~ is related to the following applications, ~~inventions~~ which are assigned to the same assignee as the present application ~~invention~~:

The paragraph beginning on page 1, line 14, is amended as follows:

The present application ~~invention~~ is also related to the following application, ~~invention~~ which is assigned to the same assignee as the present application ~~invention~~ and which was filed on even date herewith:

The paragraph beginning on page 1, line 17, is amended as follows:

Serial No. 09/751,834, _____, entitled "Methods and Apparatus for Sharing Slack in a Time-Partitioned System".